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In re Application of  
**Yoshinari HIGAKI**, et al.  
Application No. 10/576,177  
Filed: April 19, 2006  
Attorney Docket No. **0553-0494**

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed July 15, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

***Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on June 30, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>***

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7253.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2874 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed amendment and information disclosure statement.

/Monica A. Graves/  
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.